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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-51 (Cancelled)

52. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising
a camera body;
an imaging device which conducts a photographing operation, wherein following
the photographing operation, said imaging device outputs image information;
an inside memory provided inside the camera body;
a connection adapted to be connected to a memory card inserted inside a card slot
provided in the camera body;
a recorder which stores image information, outputted from said imaging device, in
one of the inside memory and the memory card;
a detector which detects whether the memory card is inserted in the card slot and
detects a capacity of the inserted memory card;
a changer which selectively determines which one of the inside memory and the
memory card is used to store image information outputted from said imaging device; and
a controller which controls said changer so that (a) the image information is
automatically stored in the memory card when the memory card is inserted in the card slot
and the detected capacity shows that the image information can be stored in the memory
card, and (b) a warning is displayed when the memory card is inserted in the card slot to
store the image information therein and the detected capacity shows that the image
information cannot be stored in the memory card even if the image information can be
stored in the inside memory in place of the memory card.

53. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

- a camera body;
- an imaging device which conducts a photographing operation, wherein following the photographing operation, said imaging device outputs image information;
- an inside memory provided inside the camera body;
- a connection adapted to be connected to a memory card inserted inside a card slot provided in the camera body;
- a recorder which stores image information, outputted from said imaging device, in one of the inside memory and the memory card;
- a detector which detects whether the memory card is inserted in the card slot and detects a capacity of the inserted memory card;
- a changer which selectively determines which one of the inside memory and the memory card is used to store image information outputted from said imaging device; and
- a controller which controls said changer so that (a) the image information is automatically stored in the memory card when the memory card is inserted in the card slot and the detected capacity shows that the image information can be stored in the memory card, (b) the image information is automatically stored in the inside memory when the memory card is not inserted in the card slot, and (c) a warning is displayed when the memory card is inserted in the card slot for storing the image information therein and the detected capacity shows that the image information cannot be stored in the memory card even if the image information can be stored in the inside memory instead of on the memory card.

54. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

- a camera body;
- an imaging device which conducts a photographing operation, wherein following the photographing operation, said imaging device outputs image information;
- an inside memory provided inside the camera body;
- a connection adapted to be connected to a memory card inserted inside a card slot provided in the camera body;

a recorder which stores image information, outputted from said imaging device, in one of the inside memory and the memory card;

a detector which detects whether the memory card is inserted in the card slot and detects a remaining capacity of the inserted memory card;

a changer which selectively determines which one of the inside memory and the memory card is used to store image information outputted from said imaging device; and

a controller which controls said changer so that (a) the image information is automatically stored in the memory card when the memory card is inserted in the card slot and the capacity detected by the detector is sufficient, and (b) a warning is displayed when the memory card is inserted in the card slot to store the image information therein and the remaining capacity detected by the detector is insufficient even if a remaining capacity of the inside memory is sufficient.

55. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

a camera body;

an imaging device which conducts a photographing operation, wherein following the photographing operation, said imaging device outputs image information;

an inside memory provided inside the camera body;

a connection adapted to be connected to a memory card inserted inside a card slot provided in the camera body;

a recorder which stores image information, outputted from said imaging device, in one of the inside memory and the memory card;

a detector which detects whether the memory card is inserted in the card slot and detects a remaining capacity of the inserted memory card;

a changer which selectively determines which one of the inside memory and the memory card is used to store image information outputted from said imaging device; and

a controller which controls said changer so that (a) the image information is automatically stored in the memory card when the memory card is inserted in the card slot and the capacity detected by the detector is sufficient, and (b) the image information is automatically stored in the inside memory when the memory card is not inserted in the

card slot, and (c) a warning is displayed when the memory card is inserted in the card slot to store the image information therein and the remaining capacity detected by the detector is insufficient even if a remaining capacity of the inside memory is sufficient.

56. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 52, wherein the detector includes a memory capacity detector for detecting the capacity of the memory card by electrically accessing the memory card, and a card switch for detecting whether or not the memory card is inserted in the card slot.

57. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 53, wherein the detector includes a memory capacity detector for detecting the capacity of the memory card by electrically accessing the memory card, and a card switch for detecting whether or not the memory card is inserted in the card slot.

58. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 54, wherein the detector includes a memory capacity detector for detecting the remaining capacity of the memory card by electrically accessing the memory card, and a card switch for detecting whether or not the memory card is inserted in the card slot.

59. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 55, wherein the detector includes a memory capacity detector for detecting the remaining capacity of the memory card by electrically accessing the memory card, and a card switch for detecting whether or not the memory card is inserted in the card slot.

60. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 52, wherein the changer determines to change from a condition in which the memory card is used to store the image information to a condition in which the inside memory is used to store the image information, when the memory card is inserted in the card slot, and the detected capacity shows that the image information cannot be stored in the memory card.

61. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 53, wherein the changer determines to change from a condition in which the memory card is used to store the image information to a condition in which the inside memory is used to store the image information, when the memory card is inserted in the card slot, and the detected capacity shows that the image information cannot be stored in the memory card.

62. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 54, wherein the changer determines to change from a condition in which the memory card is used to store the image information to a condition in which the inside memory is used to store the image information, when the memory card is inserted in the card slot, the remaining capacity detected by the detector is insufficient and the remaining capacity of the inside memory is sufficient.

63. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 55, wherein the changer determines to change from a condition in which the memory card is used to store the image information to a condition in which the inside memory is used to store the image information, when the memory card is inserted in the card slot, the remaining capacity detected by the detector is insufficient and the remaining capacity of the inside memory is sufficient.

64. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:
a housing including a portion defining a slot for accepting a memory card;
an imaging device;
an internal memory;
a detector that detects the presence of a memory card; and
a controller adapted to:
determine a remaining capacity of a memory card at the time the memory card is inserted into the slot and to display a warning if the remaining capacity of the memory card is insufficient to store an image;
store a first image in a memory card if the memory card has sufficient

remaining capacity;

determine a remaining capacity of a memory card after the first image is stored to the memory card and prior to capturing a second image; and

display a warning prior to capturing the second image if the remaining capacity of the memory card is insufficient to store [[a]] the second image.

65. (Previously Presented) A digital camera according to claim 66, wherein the controller is further adapted to store the second image in the internal memory if the remaining capacity of the memory card is insufficient to store a second image.

66. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 52, wherein the detector detects the remaining capacity when the memory card is inserted into the slot.

67. (Previously Presented) A camera according to claim 52, wherein the detector detects the remaining capacity of the memory card after storing an image to the memory card so that the warning may be displayed prior to capturing another image.